

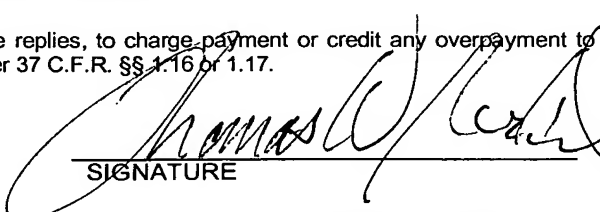
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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 |  | Attorney Docket No.<br><b>2503-1149</b><br>U.S. Application No.<br><b>107534868</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br><b>PCT/EP/2003/012376</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>November 6, 2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>November 14, 2002</b>                                   |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>A PROCESS FOR THE MONONITRATION OF ALKANEDIOLS</b>  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Nevio FRANCESCUTTI, Tiziano SCUBLA, Fausto GORASSINI and Graziano CASTALDI</b>               |  |   |

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).  
The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☐ is attached hereto.
  - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))
- ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). ))
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☐ Copy of IDS citations.
- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)).
- ☒ A preliminary amendment.
- ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b)
  - ☐ Newly executed Power of Attorney
  - ☐ A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).
- ☒ Other items or information: **International Request Form PCT/RO/101, International Search Report Form PCT/ISA/210, Notification of the Recording of a Change Form PCT/IB/306, International Preliminary Examination Report Form PCT/IPEA/409 and Abstract**

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>10/534868</b>  |   | INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br>PCT/EP/2003/01237 |                                   | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.<br>2503-1149 |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b></p>   |   |   |                                   |                                  | <b>CALCULATIONS</b><br>PTO USE ONLY |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fee Description</u></p>  |   |   |                                   |                                  |                                     |
| Basic National Stage Fee   |   |   |                                   | \$150.00                         |                                     |
| Non ISA/US Search Provided   |   | National Stage Search Fee                     |                                   | \$200.00                         |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)   |   | National Stage Examination Fee                |                                   | \$100.00                         |                                     |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)  |   |   |                                   | \$130.00                         |                                     |
| National Stage Application size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100<br><br>Fee Code 1681/2681   | Additional Sheets<br>$10 - 100 = 0 = 0 \times 50$ |   | Fee From Below<br><u>\$125.00</u> | \$0.00                           |                                     |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>  |   | NUMBER FILED                                  | NUMBER EXTRA                      | RATE                             |                                     |
| Independent Claims Fee Codes 1614 / 2614   |   | 3- 3 =  | 0                                 | x \$100.00                       | \$0.00                              |
| Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615   |   | 10- 20 =                                      | 0                                 | x \$25.00                        | \$0.00                              |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616   |   |   |                                   | + \$360.00                       | \$0.00                              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618   |   |   |                                   | \$0.00                           |                                     |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021)<br>\$40.00 per property  |   |   |                                   | +                                | \$0.00                              |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>   |   |   |                                   | <b>=</b>                         | <b>\$ 580.00</b>                    |
|  |   |   |                                   | Amount to be refunded:           | \$                                  |
|  |   |   |                                   | Charged:                         | \$                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$ 580.00</b> to cover the above fees is attached.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17. |   |   |                                   |                                  |                                     |
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